

IN THE CLAIMS

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior or pending claims with the listing of claims presented below:

CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

8. (Amended) A writing instrument, comprising:

a barrel of a writing instrument having one end that is adjacent a writing tip of said writing instrument; said barrel having bladders built in to said barrel at said one end of said barrel adjacent said writing tip; and

a pumping mechanism for pumping air into said bladders, said pumping mechanism including an airway passage and a one way air valve for air to enter from said pumping mechanism into said bladders to facilitate better gripping by a user at said one end of said barrel of said writing instrument

9. (Original) the writing instrument of claim 8 wherein said pumping mechanism includes an integrated clicker and a pump handle.

10. (Original) the writing instrument of claim 8 wherein said pumping mechanism includes a pump handle that is separate from a clicker for said writing instrument.

11. (Amended) The writing instrument of claim 8 wherein said bladders are

formed of ~~rubber-like~~ material having a rubber-like property.

12. (Original) the writing instrument of claim 8 wherein said bladders are formed of rubber material.

13. (Original) the writing instrument of claim 8 further comprising a release mechanism located on the side of the writing instrument for releasing excess air.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)